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## Florida House of Representatives and Senate File Legislation to Honor Pinellas County Deputy Michael J. Magli

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** *(February 25, 2021)* — Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, today highlighted legislation filed to honor Deputy Michael J. Magli who was killed in the line of duty on Feb. 17. Representative and Chairman of the House Education & Employment Committee Chris Latvala, R-Clearwater, and Senator Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, filed [legislation](#) that will rename a portion of County Road 611, East Lake Road, in Pinellas County in honor of Deputy Magli.

“The loss of Deputy Michael Magli is a tragedy that should have never happened,” said Speaker Sprowls. “I am heart wrenched thinking about his wife and children. A local law enforcement hero was taken from us too soon. I am proud to keep his legacy alive with this legislation to rename East Lake Road in his memory. We will never forget Deputy Magli.”

“Pinellas County lost a husband, a father, and a hero,” said Representative Latvala. “The legislation we are filing will engrave his legacy in Pinellas County and I am proud to join Senator Hooper in honoring Deputy Magli. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.”

“A hero remembered is never forgotten,” said Senator Hooper. “I am proud to file this legislation to honor the legacy of Pinellas County Deputy Michael Magli who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of others. I continue to hold Deputy Magli’s family in my thoughts and prayers, may God bless them.”

The legislation would authorize the Florida Department of Transportation to erect memorial markings on East Lake Road, designating the highway as “Deputy Michael J. Magli Memorial Road.” Feb. 17 was the end of watch for Deputy Magli after being killed by a suspected drunk driver on East Lake Road.

Deputy Magli served the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office for eight years. He had a loving family of his wife, Stephanie, and their two girls. Deputy Magli was laid to rest on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

The Florida Legislative Session begins on March 2.

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